

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 13, 2006, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to the generation of a data structure.
- II. Claims 8-14, drawn to mapping patent claims to a document ontology.
- III. Claims 15-17, drawn to a database of patent concepts.
- IV. Claim 18, drawn to a pattern matching.
- V. Claims 19-22, drawn to a database maintenance.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-7. However, Applicant has amended independent claim 8 of Group II to further include "storing the first definitional element, second definitional element, and the relational element in a data structure." Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment places Group II, claims 8-14, into the same class as Group I. In the event that the Examiner does not agree, Applicant still elects Group I, claims 1-7.

Applicant respectfully cancels claims 15-22 (Groups III, IV, and V) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6976 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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